THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

Jesus Weeps for Jerusalem

Jeremiah 7:1–11; 1 Corinthians 12:1–11; Luke 19:41–48

Our Lord wept over Jerusalem for the destruction that would soon come upon her. Sadly, she did not recognize the time of God's visitation in Christ, who had come to bring her peace (Luke 19:41–48). Through His prophets God had consistently called His people to turn



from their deceit and false worship. **"But My people do not know the just decrees of the LORD"** (Jeremiah 8:4–12). They sought to establish their own righteousness rather than receive Christ's righteousness through faith (Romans 9:30–10:4). So it was that God was in His temple to cleanse it, a precursor to the once-for-all cleansing from sin which He

would accomplish in the temple of His own body on the cross. God grant us to know the things that make for our peace—His visitation in the Word and Sacraments—that by the Holy Spirit we may penitently confess **"Jesus is Lord"** (1 Corinthians 12:1–11).

+ The Tenth Sunday After Trinity +

INVOCATION (make the sign of the holy cross and say)

In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the + life everlasting.

PSALMODY (sing or read out loud each day)

Psalm 92

LEARN BY HEART LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM: The Sacrament of the Altar

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."

Who receives this sacrament worthily?

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

DAILY READINGS

Sunday:	Psalm 47	2 Samuel 7	Ezekiel 7	Luke 11:37-12:12
Monday:	Psalm 48	2 Samuel 8	Ezekiel 8	Luke 12:13-48
Tuesday:	Psalm 49	2 Samuel 9	Ezekiel 9	Luke 12:49-13:9
Wednesday:	Psalm 50	2 Samuel 10	Ezekiel 10:1-11:13	Luke 13:10-35
Thursday:	Psalm 51	2 Samuel 11	Ezekiel 11:14-25	Luke 14
Friday:	Psalm 52	2 Samuel 12	Ezekiel 12	Luke 15
Saturday:	Psalm 53	2 Samuel 13	Ezekiel 13	Luke 16:1-17:10

HYMN OF THE WEEK

PRAYERS

The following suggestions are offered as an aid in developing the habit of praying for ourselves and others each week:

<u>Sunday</u>: For the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by Word and Sacrament.

<u>Monday</u>: For faith to live in the promise of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.

Tuesday: For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.

Wednesday: For marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to God's Word; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.

Thursday: For the Church and her pastors; for deacons, teachers, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

<u>Friday</u>: For faithful preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.

<u>Saturday</u>: For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors as they prepare to administer and for people as they prepare to receive Christ's holy gifts.

O God, You declare Your almighty power above all in showing mercy and pity. Mercifully grant us such a measure of Your grace that we may obtain Your gracious promises and be made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

O Lord, look down from Heaven. Behold, visit, and relieve Your servants who stand in need of our prayers: **[insert the names of family members, friends, church members, government officials, those in need, etc.]** Look upon them with the eyes of Your mercy. Grant them comfort and sure confidence in You. Defend them from all danger, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but + deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

<u>Morning</u>

I thank You, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

<u>Evening</u>

I thank You, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins, where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit + be with us all.

Amen.

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT SUNDAY: The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity						
Genesis 4:1–15	Psalm 50	1 Corinthians 15:1–10	Luke 18:9–14			
Hymn of the Day	From I	LSB 607				